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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MARR, AS, US

SUBJ: NEGOTIATIONS ON NORTHWEST CAPE

REF: STATE 152291

1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED NORTHWEST CAPE NEGOTIATIONS WITH WILLIAM PRITCHETT (DEPT OF DEFENSE) AUGUST 7. HE HAD BEEN UNABLE CONSULT WITH DEFMIN BARNARD DUE LATTER'S ABSORPTION IN BUDGET MATTERS. HOWEVER, HE ANTICIPATED THAT BARNARD VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD PROVE MORE FEASIBLE IN NOVEMBER THAN OCTOBER SINCE WHITLAM SCHEDULED VISIT JAPAN AND CHINA IN OCTOBER AND BARNARD WOULD BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER.

2. ALTHOUGH PRITCHETT SEEMS TO FEEL THAT OUTSTANDING ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED DURING A FEW MORE HOURS OF DISCUSSION, HE WAS RESPONSIVE TO OUR SUGGESTION THAT NEGOTIATING TEAM FIRST VISIT WASHINGTON TO CONCLUDE BASIC TERMS OF AGREEMENT PRIOR TO BARNARD VISIT. WE POINTED OUT AND HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT MAY TAKE SOME

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LITTLE WORK TO REACH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE,

PARTICULARLY A FORMULA TO CLARIFY OR SUPERSEED  
BARWICK/BATTLE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

3. IN ORDER TO SPEED THINGS ALONG DURING WASHINGTON MEETINGS,  
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO FORWARD DRAFT LANGUAGE TO GOA THROUGH  
EMBASSY IN ADVANCE.  
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